

The Watchman and Southern.

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PERSONAL.

Messrs. R. B. Belser and Geo. W. Dick returned to Columbia Tuesday morning after spending several days in the city.

Messrs. B. Frank Kelly, of Bishopville, and LeGrand Walker of Georgetown, passed through the city Tuesday morning on their way to Columbia.

Mr. Hugh Belser, of Silver, was in the city Thursday.

Mr. L. P. Stubbs, of Hagood, was in the city Wednesday.

Messrs. R. D. Epps and Davis D. Moise went to Columbia Wednesday.

Mr. Elie D. DuBose, of Sardinia, spent Wednesday in the city.

Miss Hettie White has gone to Camden.

Miss Annie Cunningham, of Bishopville, passed through the city Thursday morning on her way home after attending the Thompson-Doby marriage at Dalzell Wednesday.

Miss Lucile Iseman, of Manning, was in the city Thursday.

Mrs. T. B. Fraser, Miss Claudia Fraser and Mrs. Geo. W. Dick went to Columbia Thursday morning to spend the day.

Mrs. J. B. McCright, of Johnson, and Mrs. J. F. Montgomery, of Greeleyville, passed through the city Thursday morning on their way to their homes after attending the wedding of their sister, Miss Addie Thompson, at Dalzell Wednesday.

Sheriff Burch, of Florence, was in the city for a while Thursday morning.

A Marriage.

Tuesday night Mr. Thomas S. Joye and Mrs. Jacqueline Welch were united in matrimony, at the residence of the latter on S. Sumter street.

The newly married couple left for Columbia on the 9.20 train, and contemplate a visit to certain places in Florida before they return to Sumter, a week or ten days hence.

Only a few friends and neighbors were present at the ceremony, which was performed by the pastor of the First Baptist church.

The bride and groom are well known in Sumter and highly esteemed. They carry with them the good wishes of a multitude of friends in Sumter and elsewhere.

Engagement Announced.

Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock was celebrated the engagement of Miss Vera R. Silber, daughter of Rabbi Jacob Silber and J. B. Goldman, a prominent merchant of Mayesville. Rabbi Silber moved here several weeks ago from Beaufort, S. C., and resides at No. 9 Harvin street.

Death of Mr. T. M. Watson.

News was received in this city Wednesday of the death, at Georgetown, Wednesday morning, of T. M. Watson, a young man who was a former resident of Sumter and who had a number of friends here.

Mr. Watson lived in Sumter for almost a year, but left soon after taking sick and has been away from here for a number of months. He never recovered from his sickness and has been an invalid for the past five months.

The funeral services were held in Marion Wednesday morning. Mr. R. S. Hood went from this place to attend the funeral services, as a representative of the local lodge of W. O. W. of which the deceased was a member.

DEATH.

A telegram was received by relatives in this city Thursday announcing the death, in Jacksonville, Florida, Wednesday night, of Mrs. H. E. Stopplebein, the mother of Mrs. C. M. Hurst and Mrs. E. W. Hurst of this city.

The funeral services and interment were held at Magnolia Cemetery in Charleston, Friday.

Mrs. Stopplebein was a native of Charleston, but once lived in Sumter a number of years and had many friends here.

Notice.

Jurors drawn to serve second week, beginning Monday, February 12th will not report. Court has adjourned.

Road to Something Better.

Everything we endure patiently is a key to something beautiful we could never enter otherwise. By the tollsome road of study a scholar learns to get joy out of books and stones and trees. By the road of adversity a man learns to get joy out of his own soul.

NORRIS-BLACKWELL.

Marriage of Interest to People of Wedgefield.

Wedgefield, Feb. 8.—On yesterday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Norris a very pretty marriage took place, it being the giving in marriage of their daughter, Miss Minnie, to Mr. Charley Blackwell, of Hartsville.

As Mendelssohn's wedding march was being rendered by Miss Anna McIntosh, the groom with his best man, Mr. Lawrence McIntosh, entered the parlor, followed by the bride with her maid of honor, Miss Sallie Norris, where they were faced by the bride's pastor, Rev. J. N. Wright, of the Methodist E. church, who, with the solemn, but impressive, ceremony of his church made them as one.

After the ceremony the bridal party and guests were invited back to the dining room, where refreshments were served.

On account of a death in the immediate family of the bride only a few guests were invited outside of the families of the contracting parties.

The following out of town guests were present: Mrs. A. A. McIntosh, Miss Meta McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Coker, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. McIntosh, Miss Anna McIntosh, Misses Laura Moore, Laurena McIntosh, are of Hartsville, S. C.

The bride wore a very pretty tan coat suit and picture hat, carrying a bouquet of white carnations. The maid of honor was becomingly gowned in a white satin dress with lace trimmings and carried pink carnations.

The parlor and dining room were artistically decorated for the occasion, plainly showing the handwork of skilled hands.

The bride and groom left on the evening train on an extended bridal trip to points of interest at the North. The bride was one of Wedgefield's most attractive young ladies.

The groom is a prosperous planter of Hartsville.

WORK ON ROUTE PROGRESSING.

Large Force of Hands and a Number of Teams Employed.

The force of hands at work on the new road between here and Bishopville was Thursday morning increased by the addition of a large number of workmen and the employment of teams and carts to help on with the grading.

The contractors moved their carts and teams from the place near the new Atlantic Coast Line freight depot where they have been kept for a number of weeks to where they are clearing and grading the right of way and set them to work Thursday morning. There are about fifteen teams and a large force of hands now employed and it looks as if the work will progress rapidly.

VAGRANTS BEFORE RECORDER.

Police Make Raid on Pool Rooms and Arrest Alleged Vagrants.

Thursday morning Policemen McKagen and Ward made a raid on one of the negro pool rooms in the city and arrested four negro youths, who were later arraigned before the recorder on the charge of vagrancy.

One of the negroes, Frank Moore, plead guilty, while the others, Martin Middleton, Richard James and Robert Choice, alias Smoky, plead not guilty and stated that they were good hard working negro citizens. The evidence of the policemen was against them, however, and all were found guilty. Moore was given a sentence of 20 or 20 days, while the others on the list got 30 or 30 days.

Other cases which were tried were: Lindy McBride and George Butler, fighting, plead not guilty. Lindy was also charged with larceny. Butler was dismissed after the hearing and the McBride woman was found guilty of fighting and sentenced to pay a fine of \$15 or serve 30 days. She was dismissed on the second count.

Cephas Ford and Eddie Washington were found guilty of petit larceny and sentenced to pay a fine of \$30 or a term of 30 days.

HOUSE PASSES LEVER'S BILL.

Would Change Time for Issuing Cotton Crop Reports.

Washington, Feb. 5.—The House today passed Representative Lever's bill directing the Secretary of Agriculture to change the system of crop reporting relating to cotton, so that the acreage report will be issued on the 1st of July instead of the 1st of June, as heretofore, and so that the condition reports will begin on the 1st of August instead of on the 1st of June, as heretofore.

The committee on agriculture reported that in its opinion the passage of the bill would materially strengthen the system and make it of more value to both producer and consumer of cotton.

BURNING DAYLIGHT



Jack London's Brilliant Story of Millions and a Maid

Will Appear in Serial Form in This Paper

BURNING DAYLIGHT is the best work yet produced by this masterful writer who has roughed it in many fields of adventure. **Burning Daylight** is a character fashioned out of the frozen North; how he comes out of the Klondike with wealth won from the obdurate earth, is vanquished and stripped of his millions in Wall Street, regains them, and returning to the West from whence he came, is conquered anew by love, then to renounce his riches, is told in the powerful style of this author who has achieved world-wide popularity.

WATCH FOR IT!

READ IT!

Fog Hard to Pierce.

A dense or thick fog will obscure objects at a distance of 1,000 feet. The recent accident to an ocean steamer of the Anchor line illustrates the fact. An iceberg was run into as soon as seen. After the collision the passengers could hear the echo from their voices reflected by the walls of ice, though the iceberg was invisible to them. Otherwise, there are no echoes at sea.

Economy in Cooking.

Much gas may be saved with a little care. I bought a number of pans of various sizes, but all with tightly fitting covers. Whenever I bake bread or a roast or for any other reason have a hot oven, I plan to cook other things also, as many as the oven will hold. Steamed fruits and all vegetables will cook as well in an oven as on top of the stove. If started boiling in plenty of water and then put in the oven in the covered vessels. Potatoes, however, are an exception.

Cat Never in Danger.

Her love for robins nearly got Mrs. Antoinette Perkins of Hackensack, N. J., into grave trouble the other day, for the three bullets she fired from a revolver at a cat that was killing a robin on her lawn came near killing three persons. One bullet went through the wall of a neighboring house and passed close to the head of a person sitting at the dining room table. The two other bullets whistled past the heads of two boys who were passing the Perkins home. The offending cat escaped unhurt.

Anticosti.

Anticosti, an island in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, is about 140 miles long, by 35 miles wide. Its soil is not considered to be productive, and the few settlers there subsist upon the fisheries. In 1886 M. Meunier, the French chocolate manufacturer, bought the island and is making a game preserve of it. He is especially interested in the preservation of the caribou.

WOOD SCARCE IN MAYESVILLE.

Much Cotton Being Sold—Social and Personal News.

Mayesville, Feb. 6.—Owing probably to the advance in price in the staple, quite a lot of cotton has been sold here during the last few days, and it began to look like fall had come instead of February. Most of this cotton was of a rather low grade, as might be expected from the cotton just being picked after being in the fields through all of the bad weather.

There has been a great scarcity of wood this winter in this section and what is being offered for sale is rather high when the shortness of the measure is taken into consideration. The persons who sold wood regularly and gave reasonable measure have gone out of the business it seems and the buying of the small loads from occasional sellers from the country has proven pretty high for the town people who have to buy, and this includes nearly everybody. As a consequence, many are burning coal now, and it may not be long before coal will come to be the main fuel here. The rapid clearing away of the timber of late years is probably responsible for the famine in the wood market.

The Hebrew ceremony of announcing the engagement of Miss Rose Silber of Sumter and Mr. Joseph Goldman, one of the prosperous business men of Mayesville, took place in Sumter on Sunday, Rabbi Silber father of the young lady, officiating. A number of the Hebrew residents of this place attended the occasion.

The Tuesday Afternoon Book Club met this afternoon with Miss Annie Anderson, and as usual a pleasant afternoon was spent by the members.

Mrs. Furman Knight and Mrs. Elizabeth Buckner, of Sumter, spent Tuesday with Miss Fannie Mayes.

Mrs. H. F. Walker and children of Sumter, spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. E. C. Spencer.

MUTUAL ICE PLANT SOLD.

Purchased by Conway People and Will Be Re-erected in That Town.

Mr. J. A. Schwerin on Tuesday sold the Mutual Ice plant to Conway, S. C., people and it will be removed to that town and reerected at once so as to have it in operation in time to furnish ice during the approaching season. The plant has been kept in good condition since it was shut down last year, and the Conway people have doubtless secured a bargain. Mr. Schwerin will have charge of the removal of the machinery and will operate it for thirty days following its erection at Conway.

HOG KILLING AT WISACKY.

Very Little Work Done for New Year—Oats Looking Well.

Wisacky, Feb. 6.—We are having some bright sun shine these days, but the weather is extremely cold. Farmers are still gathering the cotton left in the fields. The oat crop has survived the freeze and is looking fairly well.

Very little farm work for the present year has begun yet. There is some work being done in the gardens.

Many farmers have butchered a number of very large hogs which will be of great help to them during the hard times.

The health of the community is moderately good.

Mrs. Myron Smith entertained a few of her friends on Friday evening with games and music, after which delightful refreshments were served.

Miss Katie Smith, of Bishopville, is visiting in our midst today.

Miss Marguerite Scott is expected home soon having made a long visit to relatives and friends at Greeleyville.

TARIFF BATTLE BEGINS.

Washington, Feb. 5.—The tariff fight will open in the senate tomorrow when the finance committee begins its hearings on the house bill for the revision of the metal schedule of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law. Scores of protests against the cut in duties made against the house measure are before the committee. No assignment has been made for tomorrow's hearing, but a number of interested persons will be heard during this and next week.

The mail is still bringing in applications for hearings. Among those coming in today was a protest from Robert Hoe, president of a New York printing concern, saying the bill would seriously affect the printing press business. He intimated that unless American wages are cut 50 percent it would be better for his company to transfer headquarters from New York to England in order to maintain its export business and meet competition in the American trade.

FOR SALE—Good reliable horse, sound and gentle, will be sold at a bargain. Address B. Sumter, S. C., care The Item.

FOR SALE—A choice lot of Georgia grown Appler seed oats, 35c. Phone H. W. Beall.

FOR SALE—Single comb white Leghorn eggs for hatching, \$1.25 per 15, \$6.00 per 100. A. C. Davis, Davis Station, S. C.

Seed Potatoes.

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AND

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